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## THE TARIFF SCHEDULE

Majority of the Committee Favor the Income Tax.

### TEN CENTS MORE ON WHISKY

The Tax on Cigarettes Raised \$1 Per 1000, but Cigars Remain Unchanged.

WASHINGON, January 2.—The advocates of the individual income tax proposition were triumphant at the meeting of the Democratic members of the ways and means committee this afternoon. Eleven members were present when the final meeting was held at the treasury department at 4 o'clock. The issue was joined on two propositions, one to levy a tax of 2 per cent against individual incomes of over \$4000 and against net incomes from corporations; and, second, a proposition offered as a substitute by Cochran of New York to tax the incomes from corporations 1 per cent and inheritances 4 per cent, to place a tax of 10 cents on whisky, and add sugar to the dutiable list at half a cent a pound. The vote on Cochran's substitute proposition resulted in defeat by 7 to 4, as follows: Ayes, Winsom, Cochran, Stevens, Montgomery; nays, McMinn, Turner, Whiting, Bryan, Bynum, Turney, Breckinridge. The original proposition was then carried by a vote of 6 to 5, as follows: Ayes, McMinn, Turner, Whiting, Bryan, Bynum, Turney; nays, Winsom, Cochran, Stevens, Montgomery, Breckinridge.

It was also decided to increase the whisky tax 10 cents per gallon from 90 cents to \$1, to be levied against whisky as well as beer and wine. Upon representation that this increase would work an undue hardship in view of what is in bond, it was decided to extend the bonded period from three to eight years. The tax on playing cards, at one time fixed at 6 cents per pack, was reduced 2 cents. No increase was made in the tax on cigars, but the increase on cigarettes of \$1 per 1000 was allowed to stand.

### AN IMPORTANT SILVER BILL.

Providing for the Coinage of Silver Bullion.

WASHINGTON, January 2.—Representatives of Alabama will tomorrow introduce the following important bill to provide for the coinage of the silver bullion now opened by the United States:

"Section 1. All silver bullion now owned by the United States shall be coined as speedily as practicable into standard silver dollars of the weight and fineness now prescribed by law, which shall be legal tender in payment of all debts, public and private, provided, one-seventieth part of each dollar may be coined into half-dollars, quarter-dollars and dimes in proportion directed by the secretary of the treasury, and to contain the amounts of pure silver and alloy as now prescribed by law for such coinage."

"Section 2. The secretary of the treasury shall not apportion \$40,000,000 coined at or before the redemption of notes issued by the treasury and paid out for the purchase of silver bullion in the manner provided in the act of July 14, 1890, until the sum so apportioned is redeemed below \$40,000 by the sum so apportioned minus the cost of the redemption of said notes plus the secretary shall from any other silver dollars in the treasury not otherwise appropriated add to said sum so as to keep it up to \$40,000,000 until the aggregate amount of said notes outstanding is reduced below that sum, and then the secretary shall keep in the treasury for redemption an amount of silver dollars equal to the amount of notes outstanding until all are redeemed; provided, the secretary may reissue any of said notes when redeemed as provided in the act of July 14, 1890."

"Section 3. Any contract hereafter made by the government of the United States between corporations or between a corporation and person or persons or between private persons, which is by its terms or by implication payable in dollars or dollars and cents may be paid at its maturity or thereafter in any lawful coin of the United States."

Trouble Among Stockmen.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., January 2.—Sheepmen of West Texas are badly disengaged. A dispatch from Fort Stockton says conservative men estimate 50 per cent of the sheep of that section will die the present winter. There is nothing for them to eat except dead grass. There is some water, but the cow men are fencing and guarding it. The grass has been killed by frost. The sheep are moving in herds toward Mexico, and the cow men swear they will die before the sheep will go over their ranges. Both sides are armed and ready to shoot.

Very Few Chinese Registering.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 2.—A bureau for the registration of Chinese laborers, in conformity with the McCrory law, opened for business here this morning. Large rooms have been secured equivalent to the Chinese quarters. Eight clerks, who were in readiness to issue certificates, had almost nothing to do up to noon. Only two applications for certificates of residence had been made. Collector Webber had circulars in Chinese freely distributed among the Chinese, urging them to come forward promptly.

Cleveland's Unemployed.

CLEVELAND, January 2.—A large crowd of unemployed men, accompanied by women, many carrying children in their arms, marched to the city hall this morning and demanded work from the city. When informed there was no work they made many threats. One leader said: "We will burn up every door down the city hall. Our families are suffering, and we must have employment or bread." The police dispersed them.

Daniels Has Skipped.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 2.—The newspapers here recently announced the mysterious disappearance of J. B. Daniels, a young real estate man, who left his home in Oakland about a week ago. The Examiner tomorrow will state that Daniels left to avoid arrest for forgery and embezzlement, resulting from a business difficulty in which the young man became involved while in Fresno.

The Olympia's Speed.

VALLEJO, January 2.—The naval officers who conducted the recent trial trip

of the cruiser Olympia will forward a report to the secretary of the navy in a few days. It is said the official figures of the board will be a fraction over 21 knots for minimum speed and 25 for maximum.

### S. P. CHANGES.

Reported Resignation of General Agent Towne.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 3.—An afternoon paper prints a story that A. N. Towne, general manager and second vice president of the Southern Pacific, has resigned and is to be succeeded by W. G. Curtis, at present assistant general manager, the resignation to take effect February 1st.

The rumor was denied by Southern Pacific officials. Other changes mentioned are that A. D. Wilder is to be assistant general manager, and the division managers at Fresno and Los Angeles are to be moved upon, peg-taking charge of the Oakland and Fresno divisions respectively.

Mr. Towne is one of the best railroad men in the country, and for many years has been the right hand man of Huntington and Stanford in managing the Southern Pacific. The story assigns no cause for the reported resignations.

Lorenz—"There is not a word of truth in any part of the story," said Mr. Towne tonight. "In the first place I have no more intention of resigning than has President Cleveland, and so, of course, the rest of the program fails to stand. I'd like to say, though, that I know all the gentlemen named, and I believe they are worthy to hold the positions mentioned in this connection. As for the story it is utterly false, it is a fake without foundation."

**THE TAX ON WINE.**  
An Unjust Clause in the Wilson Tariff Bill.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 3.—California wine men have discovered a clause in the Wilson tariff bill which is causing them much worry. The clause referred to is that providing for a duty of 50 cents per gallon on still wines, but providing no import tax shall exceed 100 percent of the value of the wine to be imported.

The wine men say under this law millions of gallons of inferior and impure French wines worth only 8 cents per gallon can be imported to compete with pure California wines.

Under the Wilson bill these cheap wines could not be taxed more than their value and the result would be a practical nullification of the 50 cent tax.

The wine men will protest vigorously against the measure and will send a representative to Washington to work in their interest.

### CORBETT-MITCHELL FIGHT.

Governor Mitchell Will Not Allow It to Take Place.

CINCINNATI, January 2.—Governor Mitchell telegraphed an evening paper his purpose regarding the Corbett-Mitchell fight this:

"Tallahassee, Fla., January 2.—The Corbett and Mitchell prize fight will not take place in Florida unless the supreme court of this state decides there is no law prohibiting such fight. It will not be necessary to proclaim martial law to prevent such fight, but were it necessary, should not hesitate to proclaim it, as I am determined to prevent this fight by any and all means within my reach. There can be no doubt as to my position, and people who come here with the expectation of seeing the laws of the state violated by two thugs and their hiders and abettors will be disappointed."

"H. L. Mitchell, Governor."

Mr. Augustine, Fla., January 2.—Mitchell this afternoon signed articles which he yesterday refused to put his name to. This practically assures the Duval Athletic club of the ability to pull off the fight. If the governor interferes with the original plan the battle-ground will be changed, the exact location being unknown until the morning of the fight. The Duval people are jubilant and declare nothing on earth can now prevent the contest.

All concessions, except the Vienna Prater and '49 mining camp, are ready to receive visitors.

Visitors to the grounds thus far have found it difficult to get about as the roads are in a bad condition on account of the recent rains and heavy teaming.

They remain but three days for the art building will be received.

Wells, Fargo & Co. have secured 720 square feet in the Mechanics Arts building. The exhibit will consist of the roles of early day business on the Pacific coast, which appeared at the Columbian Exposition.

Progress of the Fair.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 3.—With the exception of one or two buildings all the exposition buildings are in readiness to receive exhibits as fast as they arrive on the grounds. The Monterey building is finished and the Santa Clara and San Joaquin buildings are receiving the finishing touches. Both the northern and central and southern buildings are rapidly nearing completion.

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Train Robbers Arrested.

CARLISLE, Mo., January 3.—On the Frisco train, which passed through here at 9 o'clock this morning, were H. D. Hayrick and Claude Sheppard, the two bandits who held up and robbed the Frisco train at Mount Valley, Kan., early in September, in charge of officers who got them in Mississippi, where they had been arrested for burglary. Will Bartlum and wife, passengers of the robbed train, were at the depot and identified the outlaws. Bartlum recovered a ring from one of the men and also recognized in him the man who shot and killed Express Messenger Chapman on the morning of the hold-up.

Contraband Pennoyer.

PORTLAND, January 3.—At a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce this city this afternoon, resolutions were introduced contradicting and condemning statements contained in Governor Pennoyer's Christmas letter to the President. After debate the resolutions were referred to a committee of seven for amendment. The committee will report Saturday. The resolutions as introduced contain figures showing that greater destitution prevails in many states and cities than Oregon and Portland.

Robbers' Den Discovered.

CINCINNATI, January 3.—A robbers' roost with plunder has been found beneath the floor of the great agricultural building at the World's Fair grounds. The thieves escaped, but much valuable property was recovered. The den was sumptuously furnished with Turkish rugs, fabrics from foreign looms, rich draperies and comfortable divans. Fine bundles of high-priced wines and imported cigars were scattered about in great profusion.

A Big Toledo Fire.

TOKYO, January 3.—The biggest fire known here in twenty years started in a grain elevator near the river today. A high wind carried the flames across the street to business blocks and a large number of buildings were destroyed. The local firemen were unable to control the fire, and engines were sent from Cleveland, Detroit and Adrian. The total loss is now estimated at \$1,200,000, insurance about three-fifths.

A Tragedy.

CASCADE LOCKS, Or., January 2.—Ben Cummings and Jack Hull, woodchoppers, got into an alteration yesterday over tools, when Hull fatally shot Cummings with a revolver. He then carried the dying man into a cabin, dressed his wound and delivered himself up to the sheriff.

Ontario Fruit Shipments.

ONTARIO, January 2.—Three hundred and fifteen carloads of fruit were shipped from Ontario last year, divided as follows: Oranges, 100; lemons, 18; dried fruit, 45; green fruit, 33; canned fruit, 12; raisins, 12.

Attempted Train Wrecking.

COFFEYVILLE, Kan., January 3.—A dastardly attempt was made to wreck a train on the Missouri Pacific by the re-

### CONGRESSIONAL DOINGS

Both Houses Convene With Small Attendance.

### ANOTHER RESOLUTION ON HAWAII

Two New York Representatives Resign—The Tariff Bill Blocked.

WASHINGTON, January 3.—Innsburgers at Rio Grand de Sur are marching on Santa Anna, which the government troops have abandoned. A rumor reached here from Rio that if the revolution was not ended by an immediate and decisive naval engagement it will shortly be terminated by an arrangement between the two parties.

Rumor of a Settlement.

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A Bank Robbed.

ROCKFORD, Ill., January 3.—Burglars last night blew open the safe in the Franklin Grove bank south of this city and secured \$35,000 in cash and papers. The bank was mostly patronized by wealthy farmers. There is no clue to the robbery.

Meeting of the State Fruit Exchange.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 3.—There will be a meeting of the members of the State Fruit Exchange in this city on the 17th instant. The meeting is called for the purpose of electing permanent officers and preparing and filing articles of incorporation.

Griff Whips Solly Smith.

CHICAGO, January 3.—A set of six two-minute rounds between Solly Smith and Griff Whips tonight was easily won by the latter.

JACK THE MEASURER.

How He Is Operating With a Tape Line.

From the San Francisco Chronicle.

Jack the Measurer is the latest addition to the ranks of villains who have so long harassed the gentle female. He is now operating in San Francisco with one of the most unique schemes on record. Jack the Kisses and Jack the Bragger are not in it with Jack the Measurer. His plan is to go around measuring chambermaids for a grand shape contest at the Midwinter Fair.

The fair officials have not authorized any such contest, nor have they heard of Jack the Measurer, but that enterprising individual is busy with his tape line.

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Mr. Boutelle, on behalf of the Republicans, stated that the resolution to grant amnesty to all who had participated in the revolution, and to ratify the constitution of the present government, was a good one.

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## THE EVANS ESCAPE

Was it a Phase of the Burbank Robbery?

DETECTIVES THINK AS MUCH

A Railroad Detective Freely Expresses His Indignation at the Turn of Affairs.

Special to The Republican.

LOS ANGELES, December 29.—Was the man Morrell, who assisted in the escape of Chris Evans, one of the party who participated in the Burbank train robbery?

The above startling theory was ad-

vanced by a well known detective today.

It is not only said possible, but probable.

Said he to an Express reporter:

"From the moment of Chris Evans' capture

he has had friends at work engag-

ing his escape. Among his friends

are many who would not hesitate to do

a little train robbing themselves.

They also knew in order to get Evans out

of the Fresno jail, money, and a good

deal of it, would be required. What

better plan could be adopted than to

hold up a train and secure a deadly gun?

The chances were in their favor

and while it may not have turned out a

success financially, it was no fault of

Evans'. Had the Burbank robbers been

endowed with Chris' and they would

have come out of the scrape with a good

lump of money.

"The officers looking up the Burbank

train robbery tell you that there were

but two men implicated.

They were four men in the

job. Two of them run to Los Angeles,

and so managed the affair as to mislead

the officers, while the other two, as

agreed, lost no time in getting to Fresno.

They may have gone on the same train

that they assisted in robbing. Then

again, the messenger, baggagemaster,

Pullman car conductor and other pas-

senger claim there were all the way

from fifty to one hundred shots fired.

Did two men, one of whom they claim

stood guard over the engines and fire-

man and the other surely engaged in

rifling the express car, do all the shooting?

Not much. There were more

than two men engaged in that job, and

there is no reason to doubt that Morrell

was not one of the leaders.

"Another point. As soon as the hold-

up down here was telegraphed north

what followed? Hume, Thacker, Smith

and the balance of the railroad and ex-

press detectives, left everything and

came down here as fast as a trait could

bring them, leaving the coast clear for

Evans' escape."

The news of Evans' escape was the

theme of conversation at the sheriff's

office, police station and among private

detectives. Detective Thacker, who is

looking into the Burbank hold-up, was

seen at the sheriff's office and it was

much put out, but was not at all hasty

in expressing his opinion.

He said: "Evans' escape is what

I have been looking for and I

have repeatedly warned Sheriff

Scott and the Fresno authorities to

keep a good lookout. Detective

Hume, Thacker, Smith

also warned them. We were both

looking for it, but did not expect it would

occur so quickly, but I suppose Hume,

Smith and myself being down here

brought the thing about a little earlier."

Mr. Thacker gave some other impor-

tant and additional facts. He stated

that Sheriff Scott was in Los Angeles

yesterday. He came down here to cap-

ture a vagrant that had escaped in

the chain gang.

"Ben Morris, the jailor, is a pro-

motional friend of Evans, and it is a

similar fact that he was absent from

the jail last evening," said the detective.

"Right what had Merritt as a jailor to

be absent from the jail without the keys

in his possession, and what right had

Sheriff Scott's brother to take Evans

out of the tanks at that time, and above

all things, to allow a stranger to come in

and see him?"

"The man Morrell is the same party

who has been acting as a detective for

Crisis. We have had our eye upon him

for some time, but for the past few days

he has been out of our sight."

"As far as I am concerned," continued Mr. Thacker, "I shall not bother

any more about Evans, unless the

company orders me to. I think he will

endeavor to reach the coast and attempt

to escape on some outgoing vessel."

Detective Thacker says that the fainting

of Mrs. Evans was only a ruse.

He declares it to be his belief that Mrs.

Evans carried the revolvers and ammu-

nition in her husband, as well as to sup-

ply him with a deadly sum of money

which she made from her theatrical

ventures. Thacker surmises that many

of Evans' sympathizers have given

large sums to him through Mrs. Evans.

THE COMING FIGHT.

Colorado Capitalists Offer a Good

Prize.

CRIPPLE CREEK, December 30.—Mayor

Whiting and other leading citizens

telegraphed to the miners of

Mitchell and Corbett to-

night, offering \$40,000 in gold bullion

for the fight to take place here, double

the amount offered yesterday.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., December 30.—It

is rumored tonight that if all other

means fail the governor will declare

Jacksonville under martial law and stop

the Corbett-Mitchell fight by aid of the

militia. Mangus Bowden is still con-

fident that the courts will decide no

Florida law prohibits glove contests, and

says the arena will be ready by January

10th.

A CRANK AFTER REV. PARKHURST.

NEW YORK, December 30.—Mayor

Gilroy received a note in French today

warning him not to allow any one to go

into the church or court where Rev. Dr.

Parkhurst is, as by so doing he would

prevent a great disaster, because there

are those who wish to make him jump

into New York and die disgraced and dirtied.

New York and did so much harm to un-

fortunate women. The letter was evi-

dently written by a woman and mailed in

the "Tenderloin" district, where so

many unfortunate women were thrown

on the streets by closing the houses.

HARD WORK RAISING FUNDS.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 30.—The

directors of the North American Navi-

gation Company met this afternoon.

It is said on authority that enough mon-

ey was subscribed to encourage the com-

mittee to go on with a hope that all of

the \$100,000 needed to enable the com-

pany to carry out its contract with the

Panama Railway Company can be raised.

At a recent meeting of the chamber of

commerce \$7,000 was secured. Much

difficulty is met in the attempts to raise

the remaining \$27,000.

Fears for the Safety of a Stage.

LAWRENCE, Wyo., December 29.—There

is great excitement here over the non-

arrival of the mail and passenger coach

from Rawlins, due here yesterday noon.

Disputes from Cheyenne Gap or pas-

senger can be heard from the gap as noth-

ing has been heard in the gap for thirty-six hours, and

the snow is now four feet deep on the level

and boulders drift in many places. It is

feared the coach has been lost and the

driver and passengers have perished with cold.

A Relief Party Left to-day.

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## THE FIREMEN'S BALL

ARMORY HALL PACKED WITH  
MERRY MASKERS.

A Brilliant Entertainment — The  
Porterville Contingent  
Welcomed.

On the arrival of the train yesterday forenoon the Volunteer Fire Department turned out with apparatus to welcome the visiting firemen from Porterville, Visalia and Tulare.

The band led the parade through the streets, ending up at the city hall, where the visitors were heartily cheered.

A tableau had been spread for their entertainment, and full justice being done to it, the visitors were entertained in the town or taken out through the country.

The masked ball in the evening was largely attended and was a great success. E. M. Packard, the floor director, proved the right man in the right place in his handling of the affair.

Want of space prevents a full description of the many original, unique and pretty costumes. They were well chosen and the parts well maintained.

F. W. Berry, Dave Graysgrave and Harry Wilson were selected as judges to award the prizes and when the masks were removed the following were found to be the winners:

Best lady dancer, Miss May Lundy; received palm handkerchief.

Best gentleman dancer, Schuyler Hees; received silk umbrella with silver mounted handle.

Best dressed gentleman, Will Hill, received a magnolia ring, salt cellar and smoking pipe.

Best dressed lady, Miss Rita Martin, received a manicure set.

Most original gentleman character, Dorsey Wheeler, received a shaving set.

Best costumed lady character, Ed Aver, received a shaving set.

Best costumed gentleman character, S. B. Goodman, received a pair of slippers.

Funniest lady character, William Mahoney, received half a dozen silver cake knives.

Funniest gentleman character, Fred Noves received a silver butter knife.

Most original lady character, Mrs. Harry Oppenheimer, received a gold chain necklace, silk pocket and key.

City Clerk Shanks, arrayed as a "Willie-boy," with black silk stockings, leather breeches and chivalier coat, led the grand march with the gaiting Billy Mahoney, dressed in Continental crinoline, leaning upon his arm. The firemen are to be congratulated on the entertainment of the season.

## THE SELMA BALL.

It was a Great Success—Other Items of Interest.

The masquerade ball given by the Native Sons of the Golden West at the Unger opera house last Monday night, has been the prevailing topic of conversation among the citizens for several weeks previous. The event had been well advertised, a conductor was in attendance several days before the evening of the ball, and nothing was neglected by the committee in charge to render the event a social success.

The attendance was large, comprising the elite of Selma and vicinity, and the costumes were of varied designs, many of them deserving special mention for taste and elegance, but space forbids. There were four handsome prizes awarded in the dances by the prize committee, consisting of Messrs. J. Jensen, Judge Willis and Mrs. Lewis.

The successful contestants and their trophies were as follows: Best dressed gentleman, Lee Myers of Salina; best Romeo, gold snuff box; best dressed lady, Mrs. H. E. Peters as a Spanish lady; best Levant as a French cook; photograph frame; May Gay, as a vision to the World's Fair; gold pen; most original lady character, G. R. Hubbard as a widow with two children; silver powder box; F. Mitchell, as a baseballist, was the most original gentleman character, and was awarded a mirror.

The committee awarding the prizes did not have an enviable task, as lines of difference were so finely drawn.

During the night a sumptuous supper was served at the City Restaurant, and having satisfied the cravings of the inner man, a large number returned to the opera house and continued the festivities till the break of day warmed them to dispense to their respective homes.

Jupiter Puvine has rendered the Farmers happy.

Some of the vineyardists about here are busily plowing up their vine and some are grafting.

A "hole" artist left his mark in town this week, painting some very nice signs for several of the business men.

Rev. S. W. Spears is convergent.

The city marshal had several walks, made of earth, laid across Second and Front street. It was a much needed improvement.

On Thursday evening a pleasant surprise party was given to Miss May Myers at Hotel Haupt. A goodly number of invited guests made their appearance and the proceedings in court touching his case since the jury rendered their verdict.

As a law-abiding citizen and taxpayer of Fresno county, I should like to know just why Evans has not been duly sentenced by the court and transported to the penitentiary, to which the jury of taxpayers directed him to be sent. Post-salary legal juggling has again defeated justice.

The verdict of the jury was recorded on the morning of Friday, December 15, 1893 and Judge Harris fixed Monday, December 18th, as the date for passing sentence. At that date the attorneys for the defense proposed to move for a new trial on the minute. The minutes had not been all transcribed by the stenographer, and Judge Harris granted a further continuance to January 4, 1894.—Ed.

Death of a Noted Divine.

The members and friends of the Unity Society of Fresno will be pained to hear of the sudden death, in Boston, December 21, 1893, of Rev. William Potter, who labored for the society some two months last winter.

A Boston newspaper, in a biographical sketch, says he was on his way from the Parker house to a newspaper office with a notice of a marriage ceremony that he had just performed, when he fell unconscious in a dooryard. He was conveyed to a station house and expired in a few minutes. Death was attributed to heart disease.

Mr. Potter was widely known throughout New England as a scholar, a teacher and a divine. He was a graduate of Harvard university, afterward a teacher at Taunton academy, and for 31 years before coming to California he was pastor of the First Unitarian church of New Bedford.

On account of failing health his parents granted him a leave of absence for five years and with a sum of \$2,000 a year, and that he was visited by a physician.

His choice and scholarly address

and pleasing personality endeared him to whoever met him, and his stay in Fresno will long be pleasantly remembered and his untimely death sincerely regretted.

**Thacker's Modesty.**

From the Stockton Mail.

Detective Thacker, who is in Los Angeles, opens his mouth to modestly remark concerning Chris Evans' escape: "I suppose that Hume, Smith and myself being down here brought the thing about a little earlier." It is probable, for instance, that if Will Smith had been in Fresno Evans would have been so scared that he would have detained him. The respect with which is understood, the deportment holds, is with understanding.

Detective Thacker, we incline to the opinion that the presence or absence of the detectives in one place or another didn't make much difference with Chris Evans' plans.

**Watch Meeting.**

Mrs. Mabel Jones and friends watched the old year out at her residence, corner of Belmont and Blackstone avenues, with a very enjoyable party.

The merry wake was participated in by Mrs. E. F. Bouton, Mrs. Morsell,

Mrs. T. E. Jones, Misses Ella Duncan, Ethel Bush, Lizzie Croukite, Annie Sholes, Annie Ward, Flora Hollenbeck and Misses S. F. Cowan, E. Sanderson, James Butan, Ed Bush, Charles D. Doyle, Mr. Graham and F. F. Fairier.

After welcoming in the New Year the guests said at parting: "Good-by until we meet again."

**Revival Meetings.**

Rev. J. H. Collins preached last evening in the Congregational church and at the close of the service three persons signified a desire to begin a Christian life. Mr. Collins will preach tonight on "Drifting on Life's Sea." A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

**UNRAVELING THE MYSTERY.**

Some New Light Has Been Thrown on the Blue Light Seen by Mrs. Carter.

An Oakland, (Cal.), correspondent of the Chicago Herald tells the following story:

When Zach Carter's house south of Martinezville burned last August a year ago, and it was alleged that he carried \$10,000 insured on his home, although he was always regarded as a poor man. How could the pay the premium on such an enormous sum as explained by his widow. About four years ago she was visiting a friend at Hartsville in what was known as a haunted house.

One evening while out in the yard her attention was attracted to a spot on the hill by a blue light. She had a stick in her hand, and going to the spot indicated by the light placed the end of the stick in the ground, when it began to push and sway and move the dirt. A box was thus disclosed. She took it to her room and found it contained \$10,000. She mentioned the fact to no one, not even her husband, for two years. After returning home she buried a part of the treasure and kept the rest in the house. That part, some \$8,000, was burned.

Upon looking up the records it was found that some months previous to the alleged discovery of Mrs. Carter a safe in a lumber yard of Lawrenceville had been robbed of \$11,000, and the man, Penn, who was arrested for the crime, said that the amount taken had been buried, but refused to tell the place. Detectives were of the opinion that Carter was an accomplice of Penn, and a warrant has been sworn out for Mrs. Carter, charging her with receiving stolen property. She has since left the state.

**New Lakes in the Territory.**

A dispute from Elreno, O. T., says that one of the curious features of the late unprecedent rise in the South Canadian river is the formation of numerous lakes along the bottoms of that stream. The sand has blown out of the bed of the river in times past until a high embankment is formed along the shores of the river, and behind this bank are left the lakes upon the subsidence of the stream. They give every indication of permanency, and some of them are many square miles in extent. The loss of valuable farm lands is very great, in many cases the settlers being driven from their homes and improvements.

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THE NEW YEAR.

The blessings of the New Year will in all probability be similar to those of the year just past—negative rather than positive.

It is perhaps not an optimistic

view to expect some improvement in financial conditions, and in consequence

better returns to producers and a general improvement to that extent in all classes of business.

There is nothing at present, however, to warrant the expectation of a radical change for the better in the near future.

On the other hand it seems more than likely that recovery from the depressed condition of the past year will be gradual.

Much depends upon financial legislation, and the outcome in that respect is so uncertain

that predictions are practically without value.

The winter will unavoidably be a trying one in many localities, but with the

opening of spring there is good reason

to expect better times.

The general shut-down of production must soon result in an excess of demand beyond the supply, and this will of necessity start

the wheels of industry again and give

employment to the thousands now desti-

nated in almost every branch of industry.

Fresno, like other portions of California, has suffered less from the prevailing conditions of the past year than many localities.

The hard times have been felt in the decreased

consumption and consequent demand

for her many products, but the essentials of life are so abundant here

and the climate is so hospitable that

there has been none of the actual desti-

nation and suffering so distressingly

apparent in some of the manufacturing

centers of the East and the mining dis-

tricts of the Northwest.

Comparing the situation here with

that of other localities, Fresno county

is reason to be well satisfied with her

recent condition and future prospects.

The lessons learned by the experience

of the past year are profitably by, as they

tumultuous will be, they will go far

towards balancing up the account favor-

ably. Many things of practical value

have been learned, and they are already

being applied in a way which assures

good results.

One of the most important of these

lessons conveys the knowledge that di-

vided farming will pay, while the

farmer who pins his faith exclusively to

the product has far less likelihood of

making a permanent success of his busi-

ness. This knowledge alone, intelligently

applied upon, will bring prosperity

to many rural homes during 1894, and

the prosperity of the farmer means the

prosperity of all other branches of busi-

ness in this community.

During the coming year there will be

more pork, beef, poultry, butter and

eggs and small fruits produced in Fresno

county than during any previous year;

as strange as it may seem a very large

part of these products will be required to

apply the deficiency in the home market.

In the close of the present year we

will be ready for market.

The close of the present year will

be the general prosperity in Fresno

county, for with fair prices for her

products every harvest in Fresno county

will be rich reward.

The advance guard of a large immi-

gration is also beginning to arrive, and

a people and new capital will con-

tribute materially during the year to the

development of important industries

in the improvement of local condi-

tions.

All things considered, the resident of

Fresno county have reason to feel

thankful that his lot has been cast in

a land of sunshine and abundance,

those less fortunate have every in-

centive to find their way as quickly as

possible to this garden spot, where simi-

lantly plants the husbandman as

easily as harvest follows seed time.

In Sacramento Bee sets a good ex-

ample to every local industry in the

state by having the art work done for a

splendid edition by home printers, al-

though the cost was materially greater

if the contract had been let to

S. &amp; S. San Francisco houses.

This kind of practical local pride which

is to make good times in any com-

munity in which it is practiced.

It is in striking contrast to the narrow selfish-

of many people calling them-

selves shrewd business men, who persist-

in impoverishing the town in

which they live by squeezing all they

out of it and getting elsewhere

what upon which they find it pos-

sible to save a cent. Enough business

of the latter kind will kill the best

of existence.

Grover proceeds to shift his cabi-

furniture around as outlined in this

newspaper's dispatches, it is feared that

veneer may be knocked off some

more finely finished pieces unless

filled with more than usual care,

the house cleanin' seems to be

going rather early in Grover's estab-

lishment, anyway.

For various reasons THE REPUBLICAN

not issue its usual annual edition

in today, but will probably issue in its

a souvenir Midwinter Fair num-

ber at a date which will make it of

practical value as a means of ad-

vertising the resources of the county.

A Chronicle's Midwinter Fair edi-

is sufficiently voluminous for all

local purposes, and contains more

information about the state than

can be found in any like issue since

a big newspaper began.

The railroads of the country con-

go to the hands of receivers

possibilities of considerable experi-

ence in the way of government owner-

income interestingly probable.

Fresno weathered the financial storm of 1893 in good shape. There were no bank failures, and consequently no weeping depositors. That time will materially improve during the present year is at least probable.

As NEARLY every business man in town in dating papers will write "1893" and then rub the "3" out with his finger and write a "4" over the blot, it is pertinent to suggest that this can be done without resorting to incendiary language.

The Los Angeles Times issued one of the handsomest Christmas numbers printed in the state, not excepting the metropolitan journals. The Times, by the way, has in its character and make up all the desirable features of metropolitan journalism.

The administration organs continue to be greatly displeased with the Examiner for what they are pleased to term treachery to the Democratic party. From their standpoint the charge is well founded, but as the Examiner pretty fairly represents the views of about four-fifths of the rank and file of the Democratic party on the coast, it is probably not greatly disturbed by the execution of the pie-concoiter contingent.

The dishonesty of those who undertake to defend Cleveland's Hawaiian policy is clearly shown in the fact that they studiously refrain from all mention of the fact that the revolution was precipitated by the action of the ignorant and incompetent Queen, who insisted upon the overthrow of the existing constitution and the promulgation of one which placed in her hands powers which jeopardized the rights of every resident.

The example for this glaring dishonesty was set by Cleveland himself, who in his message avoided all discussion of the underlying fact in the whole contention.

A DAY or two ago it was reported that Wall Street was much concerned on account of the health of President and Vice-President, and much talked of the decline because of a report that the jaw was in bad condition and was manifesting a cancerous tendency. Now comes a report that the executive department is going to up a trifle. It is great to be President of a great country and to be able to control stocks with one's jaw.

It is not surprising that Wall Street

is deeply concerned regarding the condition of the able jaw which has rendered such signal service in securing a single gold standard as a financial basis in this country. It is the same jaw bone with which the creditors of this and other countries propose to complete the slaughter of half of the people's money. No wonder they are interested.

One of the important new industries to be established in Fresno in the immediate future is a creamery, equipped with first-class modern appliances and conducted by practical men who have been successfully engaged in the business in the east. This will furnish a market for all the surplus milk which can be produced in this locality, and will supply Fresno and adjoining towns with first-quality butter, a large proportion of which is now imported from the coast dairies. Industries which will supply the local market and do away with the necessity of importing articles which can be successfully produced here are just the things needed to make better times both for producers and consumers. These are splendid opportunities here for other industries of this character, including syrup factories, wooden mills, paper mills, etc. There are enough neglected opportunities here for profitable industries to furnish investments for many capitalists and employment for many thousands of laborers.

It is a discouraging fact that nothing but side issues are heard in connection with proposed national legislation. Tariff "reform," the Hawaiian matter, and possible action in regard to the Nicaragua canal, are apparently occupying the larger share of the administration's attention. Concealing the importance of these issues, they are all comparatively insignificant when a solution of the present financial condition is taken into consideration. The circulating medium of the country now rests upon the single gold standard, in conjunction with the wisdom of the chief executive, and the country is not even given the faintest outline of the plan, if there be such, whereby this inadequate condition is to be broadened to meet the necessities of the people. Secretary Carlisle's proposition to issue more government bonds has no more bearing on the case than the dumping of a bucket of water into the sea would have in regulating the ebb and flow of the tides. It is a temporary expedient, and does not approach a permanent solution of the question.

The Evening Expositor appears to be anxious that The Republicans should join it in manufacturing political capital out of the escape of Chris Evans. The Republicans politely declines. That may be well enough from a Democratic stand-point, which the Expositor is apparently occupying just at this time, and in this particular case, but from any other than a partisan standpoint there is nothing to be gained by persistently attacking the sheriff, who is risking his life and spending his money to repair the deplorable results of a mistaken policy in dealing with this dangerous criminal. Certainly the county of Fresno cannot be benefited by a continued reading of our garments over this misfortune, nor will Chris Evans be recompensed any sooner. The Expositor has not been in the habit of lending its assistance to the opposition on questions of politics where no public interest is involved.

The Democratic party of California is united in sustaining the President's policy—Woodland Democrat.

To the above statement the Stockton Mail, as a representative Democratic journal, is entitled to right of way in making reply. The Mail says: "The only way of estimating the sentiment of the nation is to hold a national election. The election of 1892 shows that the country is in the habit of voting for the candidate of the party which has the largest majority in Congress."

The Evening Expositor is to be commended for its frank admission that the

Democrats are in the minority in the

Senate.

The Madera Tribune issued on Tues-

day a very creditable and useful special

New Year's edition, containing a com-

plete and reliable description of the

varied resources of the new county. The edition should be given a wide circula-

tion by the citizens of Madera, as it will

not fail to attract favorable attention to

the field in that line of policy.

This Judge has succeeded in produc-

ing the most unique cartoon of the

times. It is a map of the United States

in which the outlines are fairly well

preserved, and which also represents

the nation's chief cities and rivers.

Upon this map are drawn the out-

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**CITY OFFICERS REPORT**

**The Ordinance on Fire Limits Amended.**

**A SALARY CLAIM DISALLOWED**

**City Attorney Risley Reports Sewer Election Ordinances, Which the Board Files.**

At the meeting of the Board of City Trustees last night a large amount of business was transacted in a very businesslike manner.

The unusual brevity of remarks and their very pertinent character and the anxious way in which the chairman watched the clock was notably at variance with methods of the board on nights when a theater company is in town which the reporters wish to take in.

The city attorney reported a set of seven or eight ordinances with regard to the proposed sewer head elections which were received and placed on file. The first of these contemplated economy in that it proposed to reduce the number of election districts from 10 to 3.

The ordinance proposed to place the First and Third wards in the first precinct, the Second and Fourth in the second precinct, and the Fifth ward in the third precinct. As it took eight persons to form an election board and the per diem is \$5, this would effect a saving of \$20 on an election.

The success.

The Board of City Trustees met at 7 o'clock last night, a full board being present.

The petition of Donahoe, Emmons & Co., by Charles Lins, requesting permission to store powder and explosives in the 12x12 brick building on the Spinnery brick yard was read.

Trustee Spinnery said he objected to the petition being granted on the ground that it was objected to by citizens of the vicinity as dangerous and hazardous it was on lands belonging to Trustee Spinnery.

The matter, after some discussion, was voted on and it was voted to reject the petition.

The petition of Bates & Bayacken by Charles Bayacken for permission to store coal oil and gasoline in a corrugated iron building 11x20, on K street, between Amador street and Nelson avenue, was read and on motion granted.

The petition of J. W. Shanks to have city ordinance No. 230 so amended as to exclude from the city limits fractions of lots 14, 15 and 16 in block 85, was read and on motion laid on the table.

The petition of Charles Mayer for retail liquor license came up for second reading, and on motion the bond was approved and the license granted.

The city attorney made his monthly report, with regard to certain overcharges made by City Engineer Eiter. He finds part of overcharge belongs to property owners and not to city. As to the other overcharge, he states that the engineer's bondsman are liable only for faithful performance of duty, and that the amount could not be collected of him personally.

He also stated that the recent action of the board with regard to excluding lands of Thomas E. Hughes from fire limits was irregular, and suggested a method of remedying the difficulty.

We referred to the proposed sewer extension. He suggested a method of lessening the expense by reducing the number of election precincts from ten to three, thereby saving the pay of fifty-six election officers. The report was received and placed on file.

The poundmaster reported the number of animals taken up, and the disposition made of them, showing cash receipt for the city, \$4.25. Report received and filed.

The city recorder reported that he had imposed fines in the sum of \$10, of which \$5 had been collected. Report received and filed.

The city treasurer made an itemized report of the amount of money in all the several funds to which the city revenue is apportioned, which was received and placed on file. This report will be published hereafter.

The city clerk reported the financial condition of the treasury, the expenditures, receipts, etc., which was received and placed on file.

Street Superintendent Billy reported for the month, which report was received and placed on file.

The sewer committee reported having examined the canal on the north of the Barton estate and found the bank a foot higher than before, and the canal cleared out in all respects in good order with the exception of a few places that might be strengthened.

The street superintendent reported the action taken with regard to the proposed culvert under the railroad, and the sewer committee should be empowered to secure the necessary lumber for the purpose.

Mr. Forn appeared with a complaint of sewer vent, between L and M streets, near Tuolumne street. The street superintendent was directed to put it in repair.

A resolution was presented as follows: "Good cause appearing therefor, it is hereby ordered that hereafter and until further notice, no person shall be employed by the city of Fresno, or any part of its city government, which is not the greatest representative of the county and an elector within and for said city." On motion the consideration of the resolution was continued for two weeks.

The new ordinance amending the ordinance fixing the fire limits came up. Mr. Spinnery moved to strike out that portion of the proposed ordinance excluding lots No. 17, 18 and 19 and rear 40 feet of lots No. 28, 30, 31 and 32 in block 73. This motion passed and the ordinance was passed as amended.

The fire and water committee reported their plans and specifications for hose wagon No. 1, which were read and accepted, and the clerk was directed to advertise the same for bids, to be opened at the next meeting.

J. G. Rhodes then appeared before the board behalf of Charles Mayer who resides at the corner of Folsom and Rhodes' saloon, and Mr. Rhodes desired to impress the opinion that Mayer was not within the lines of inheritance and his proposition was rejected.

The board gave Mr. Rhodes five minutes to elaborate his views on the line of descent in saloon licenses and he accordingly argued with one eye fixed on the main chance and the other on the town clock. The board decided that Mr. Mayer was not within the lines of inheritance and his proposition was rejected.

The board then took up the consideration of bills and accounts, and a number of accounts were audited and allowed.

The bill of Donahoe, Emmons & Co. was continued until next meeting. This matter arises out of the action of fire hydrants, and a technical question arose as to the powers of the board to contract for and pay for such work without having it advertised. The bill was referred to the city attorney.

The bill of Jeff G. Jones of \$7 for sliding pole furnished to the chemical engine over two years ago was found irregular, formal and ancient to a degree, and was rejected.

The bill of W. M. Cardwell for \$75 claimed for salary as policeman for the month of December was rejected. The board discontinued police headquarters, and which Mr. Cardwell dispensed with his services as a member of the police force. He claimed that he was entitled to a full month's salary.

The matter of gas and electric lights

**SMILIE BROS.' CLAIM**

Chairman Letcher and Smilie

**Become Personal.****A VERIFIED ACCOUNT FILED**

A Warrant for \$17,500 Ordered  
Drawn—Continued to This  
Morning.

The Board of Supervisors met in regular monthly session yesterday afternoon and the matter of the claim of Smilie Brothers was amongst the first business to come up.

The Board of Supervisors, on December 1st last, by a vote of 3 to 2, ordered a partial payment of \$17,500 to be made to the contractors, who claimed a balance of \$24,208. Messrs. Butler and Sayre voted against this, as they favored payment in full.

The board failed to order a warrant drawn, and the matter lay in abeyance until this meeting of the board. Some of the members were anxious to have the opinion of the district attorney on the status of the case, but it was not forthcoming.

After some discussion of the matter of whether a warrant should be drawn as a partial payment, it was put to a test and carried by a vote of 3 to 2. This time Messrs. Foster and Letcher voted in the negative.

One Indian witness, after being closely questioned by District Attorney Church, finally admitted that Pete told him he was going to kill Old Tom, who owned him. Mr. Letcher, especially, felt it was the custom among Indians to pay a medicine man in advance when his services were required to administer to the sick, and if the patient died the fee had to be returned. Old Tom failed to cure Pete's daughter, who died of consumption, and it is supposed that he neglected to return the fee, which would seem to establish a possible motive for the crime. Pete was held to answer to the charge of murder in the superior court.

**Wilson-Graham.**

From the Mercury Sun, December 24th.

E. W. Wilson of Olean, New York, was married last night to Miss Caroline M. Graham at the latter's home in this city. Rev. J. E. Wheeler performing the ceremony. Miss Graham is a most estimable young lady, and the groom, while not known here, is a gentleman of excellent standing in his community. The young couple have the congratulations of all our people. They went to Fresno last night.

**A HIGHWAY ROBBERY****MRS. KOBLITZ HELD UP NEAR FOWLER.****Robbed of Her Money By Three Men—They Threatened Her Life.**

Shortly before 11 o'clock yesterday morning Mrs. Olara Koblitz was robbed on the road between Selma and Fowler, while on her way to this city, by three men.

The men were going toward Selma and as soon as they came near her one of them jumped forward and held the horse she was driving. The other two went back to the curb and demanded what she deliver to them when valuable she had about her.

Mrs. K. hit only had \$5 in her purse and this she handed to them. The felons were not very well satisfied with this small haul and swore roundly. They then possessed themselves of the buggy roles, but were induced by Mrs. Koblitz, after much pleading on her part, to return them.

One of the men then ordered her to drive away as quick as she could, threatening to take her into the field and cut her throat if she did not. The man who was at the horse's head seemed to be a rather blood-thirsty fellow and suggested that they kill her throat anyway, as dead people never talk.

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## FRESNO GYPSUM.

An Analysis by Professor  
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THE EFFECT ON BLACK ALKALI  
Value of the Article in Reclaiming  
Land—Its Great  
Purity.

The great importance of an abundant and reasonably cheap supply of gypsum as a fertilizer is recognized everywhere. Although not universally efficacious, like the phosphates, its favorable effect on the legumes—peas, beans and clovers, including alfalfa—is enough alone to give it a prominent place in agriculture. Its special importance in California is due to the fact (first announced from the state experiment station) that it is an effective antidote to the "black alkali" that afflicts some portions of the state, where it supplants the salt, not so much in large, continuous tracts as in spots, varying from a fraction of an acre to several acres, where little or nothing can be grown, and which mar the continuity of fields, vineyards and orchards.

Experience shows, moreover, that as a rule such spots extend their area as irrigation is practiced, invading bearing plantations of all kinds and causing loss and discouragement. Yet the fact that such lands when once reclaimed are profusely and lastingly productive, constitutes a strong incentive toward the utilization of the alkali lands, and renders the question of their reclaimation for culture a very important one.

The characteristic ingredient of "black alkali" is carbonate of soda, it follows that when gypsum is applied to land impregnated with it, an exchange of chemical ingredients takes place, the salinity being converted into Glauber salt or sulphate of soda, while the gypsum becomes carbonate of lime or chalk. Glauber salt, with more or less common salt, constitutes the white alkali, which is rarely abundant enough in the soils to form a serious obstacle to their cultivation, being many times less injurious to vegetation than the carbonate of soda.

Besides gypsum acts not only as a neutralizer of the injurious effect of the carbonate of soda on the plants themselves; it is also of valuable benefit in that it renders soluble, and therefore tillable, the hardpan always formed in black alkali lands; moreover, it serves to retain in the soil the humus and phosphates which the soda has dissolved, and which would be leached out if a land, to its great injury, if it were attempted to reclaim it by underdraining alone.

These good effects have been verified in practice many times over, outside of the successful experiments made at the experiment station near Tulare. But until now, gypsum—like plaster—has been rather costly for general use, on account of the heavy cost of transportation from a distance to the points where it is usually needed, viz., in the upper San Joaquin valley; nor has quality of the material furnished been always satisfactory.

It is thus a matter of no little interest that another mine has been found and partially developed, which combines a location near the chief consumers of land plaster with an excellent quality of material easily mined and crushed for farmers' use. At the suggestion of John S. Dore of Fresno, the writer has lately visited the new mine and believes the results of the examination to be of sufficient general interest for immediate publication.

This mine is located in the ridge bordering the west side of the great valley, just north of Tule creek, and about five miles south of the Big Pineapple. It was discovered in 1892 by J. H. Hall of Selma, and is owned and worked by the Pool Gypsum company of Selma and Mandona, Fresno county; the location being about eighteen miles west southwest from the latter station.

The main ridge, on which the gypsum appears at the highest level, extends about 3000 feet along the creek, to which it falls off steeply. Toward the north there extend from this ridge two smaller ridges, the crests of which the gypsum crops out abundantly, with a gentle dip toward the valley. The deposit on the crest of the main ridge, where most work has been done, shows a thickness of at least thirty feet, but its lower limit has not been exposed.

At the foot of the east slope of the third spur from the main summit, in a deep canyon and quite 1500 feet vertically below the highest outcrop, there is a long exposure of a regular stratum about eighteen feet thick so far as visible. Whether or not there exists a solid mass of the mineral from this outcrop to the summit, cannot be seen, should such be the case the mine would be enormous, and it may be the deposit is a very large and sufficient to supply the needs of the San Joaquin valley for a long time to come.

The samples collected, which of course are essentially "scraps," show the material to be very nearly uniform from top to bottom; a yellowish white, chalky mass, easily crumbled and therefore readily put in shape for farmers' use. Eight samples were selected to represent the outcrops on the crests of the several ridges and also the one in the canyon mentioned above. The analysis of four of these gave the following results:

ANALYSIS OF GYPSUM FROM PAOLO MINE.

Sand Moisture, and Gypsum, Clay, Lime, &c.

No. 1, from summit of main ridge..... 91.84 1.00 2.18

No. 2, from middle ridge..... 91.74 1.82 3.71

No. 3, from third spur..... 91.90 2.00 4.50

No. 4, from fourth spur..... 82.20 2.91 3.75

These results render superfluous the analysis of other four samples taken. It is probable that had the sample No. 7 been taken farther from the surface most of the sand it contained would not have been found, since the rest contains none like it. It is probable that the average of the whole deposit ranges above 90 per cent, since the only one of the samples taken in the middle ridge (No. 1, from the main ridge) contained the highest of all, and, counting out the 2 per cent of the outcrops of atmospheric oxidation, is probably equal to or even greater than that found in quantity west of the Sierra Nevada. Selected portions of the deposit will undoubtedly be available for burning into plaster of paris for builder's use.

It is thus obvious that whenever this mine shall be worked on a proper technical basis the other mines applying plaster will have to look to their laurels in competition with it. It is proper to suggest in this connection that gypsum, like all other fertilizers, should be sold on the basis of a guaranteed percentage of the pure substance, and not simply by weight or measure. We have repeatedly heard of what has been bought for gypsum, and we have never traced any effect on black alkali land, in competition with it. It is proper to suggest in this connection that gypsum, like all other fertilizers, should be sold on the basis of a guaranteed percentage of the pure substance, and not simply by weight or measure. We have re-

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## A Probable Story From Bakersfield.

The Bandits Intimidate the People in the Mountains—Marsh Demasters' Rifle Taken Away by Evans. Deputy Sheriff White Brings the Latest News From Pine Flat.

Important information was received over the wires last night from Bakersfield in regard to the whereabouts of Evans and Morell. If the information is to be credited—and there are many circumstances to support—they are making their way southward with the probable intention of leaving the state and, perhaps, of going to Mexico. The telegram is as follows:

CHRIS GOING SOUTH.  
BAKERSFIELD, January 2.—Last evening at Judge Mihon, a justice of the peace, and C. E. Lechner were returning from the Weed Patch country, they met two men with a buckboard. One was a large man with a full dark beard and the other a young man, whom they believed to be Morell, who was here some time ago with the merry-go-round, and whom Mahon and Lechner knew.

"They inquired for the road leading to the Tehachapi mountains, and were directed on the White Wolf Spring road. The large man with a full beard wore dark eyeglasses. The Judge and Mr. Lechner are positive that they were Evans and Morell. A flask of whisky was offered them, of which Morell drank, but Evans refused."

It has been ascertained from persons in this city acquainted with Lechner and Mahon, that they are entirely trustworthy, and that any statement of theirs made in earliest night be depended upon.

There is a good deal to support the supposition that Evans and his companion are making their way to Mexico. Evans appears that if he remains in this county, or even in California, his race will be soon run; while if he leaves the country altogether, going to Lower California or Mexico, he might be able to escape altogether.

The officers lost all trace of the fugitives last Friday evening, and, supposing Evans and Morell struck southward, they could easily have reached the point where they were seen by Lechner and Mahon at the time of the reported meeting.

The description given by the Bakersfield men of the tallies very closely with his appearance. As for Morell, he is well known in the Kern capital, and it is not likely Lechner and Mahon would mistake some one else for him. Considering all these things, it is reasonable to believe that the desperadoes are trying to leave the country.

FROM PINE FLAT.

But little definite news concerning Evans and Morell was received at first hand yesterday until the arrival of Deputy Sheriff John White yesterday afternoon, and what information he brought is disappointing, as it shows that the desperadoes have, for the present at least, put their pursuers off of their track.

Mr. White left Pine Flat yesterday morning at 6 o'clock, having been out after Evans and Morell since their escape last Thursday. To a REPUBLICAN reporter he said:

"There is really very little to tell. We found out that Evans and Morell had breakfast Friday morning at the house of Henry Aker, about five miles this side of Pine Flat. They had dinner at New Demasters' place at noon, and the same evening got a lunch at Demasters' and left.

"They were a little later by a boy of Archer's, who lives about a mile from Demasters' on Kings river, going toward the river. We found the tracks of their horses where they went across and returned. This was Friday evening, and we have found nothing since then.

THEY STOLE A RIFLE.

"I have heard that Evans and Morell met young Marshall Demasters and took his rifle from him. It was a Winchester. No, there's no doubt that they went up along the fence after leaving their conveyance. I don't believe, however, that they went by the plank walk; they probably took the road, for when they got to Jarrett's place, about a mile this side of town, their shoes were very much worn. Of course some of the others must have passed them on the road, but it was so far that their presence could not be discovered.

"It is not likely that Evans has gone into Sampson's Flat; it is too cold there and the snow is deep. They are somewhere around Pine Flat. It is almost impossible for us to get any information concerning his and Morell's movements, as the people up there are afraid of them.

"Evans has seen most of them and warned them not to give any information if they valued their lives, and they are keeping the warning. The man stationed at station No. 8 of the fence, Bennett is his name—also received warning not to send anything over the telephone, threatening to kill him if he did.

THE ROUTE THEY TOOK.

The outlaws have told their story to several persons in Pine Flat, which corroborates that of Ben Sanger and Bob Vines, the cook, who witnessed the first break.

After Evans shot City Marshal Morgan, near the Adventist church, thereby causing him to let go of Morell, the latter ran to the horses to unhitch them and escape.

The shooting had frightened the horses and they were plunging on the hitching strap, and as soon as he noticed them they ran over Morell, knocking him down and running the wagon over him, bruising his head and cutting a chunk out of his chin and splitting his forehead open.

They then took Cochran's cart and ran the horse until it gave out just north of Sanger, when they took to the road and drove lots.

WHERE THEY WERE BEEN.

The first place they were heard of was at Camp 9 on the fence opposite the mouth of Mill creek, where they knocked for admission about 2 a.m., Friday morning and Chris announced who he was, but the innkeeper would not open the door.

They next called at Jarrett's at 4 a.m., and there being nobody there, he left and crossed himself for the innkeeper, and remained along half an hour.

They then went a mile further to

Harvey Aker's and had breakfast, remaining there from 6 to 8 o'clock. They then went to Carter's and talked with him until two minutes past twelve.

From Carter's they went to Newt Demasters' in Pine Flat, arriving there between 9 and 10 a.m. Friday, and stayed till dinner.

After dinner they went down to Bennett's place, station 8 on the fence, and told him that he did not want that telephone used about him in any manner; that it was used too much last year; that his difference was with the Southern Pacific company and Wells-Fargo's people, and Bennett was warned not to inform the officers of his movements; if he did they would make it a point to settle with him.

They searched Bennett's place for arms and found him. John White says that they have in like manner terrorized everybody up there by their bloodthirsty threats. Therefore some of the people up there are not to be blamed for being reticent.

After visiting Bennett they returned to Newt Demasters and stayed there until evening when they took a lunch with him and went toward the river. They were soon going through Archer's field, and the tracks show they crossed the river Friday night.

Saturday forenoon they met Marshall Demasters in Pine Flat and took a Winchester rifle from him, since which time no trace has been found. The country is heavily timbered and full of rocks and riding places.

FRANCIS DEPELLETE.

Chris told Newt Demasters to notify Scott or any of his deputies that came that way not to follow him; he had lost an eye, an arm and had a sentence for life in front of him and that death was sweeter than life.

MRS. EVANS RELEASED.

Mrs. Evans appeared before Justice Austin yesterday afternoon for her preliminary examination on the charge of assisting a prisoner, her husband, to escape. She was represented by Attorney Sam Hinds.

Assistant District Attorney Alva E. Snow appeared for the people, and stated that there was not evidence sufficient to hold the defendant to be held over, upon which the court ordered that the cause be dismissed and the defendant discharged.

Mrs. Evans left for her home in Visalia last evening, accompanied by Mrs. Byrd, her mother, who had arrived on the noon train.

Jim Hutchinson, who is in custody for the same offense that was alleged against Mrs. Evans, was brought before Justice Austin yesterday afternoon and put under \$1500 bonds. His examination was set for next Friday morning at 10 o'clock. The remainder of the Hutchinsons, who are also supposed to have been parties to the plan for Evans' escape, will be brought before Justice Austin to-day.

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From the Daily of Thursday.

The news published in yesterday's REPUBLICAN that Evans and Morell had been met in Kern county, making their way southward, is credited by many people. Their belief in the news was strengthened when the day passed without any further information concerning the whereabouts of the desperadoes being received from Pine Flat. Phil Scott, brother of the sheriff, telegraphed yesterday to Lechner of Bakersfield, who was one of the men that met Evans and Morell, and Lechner answered that he believed it was Evans and Morell they had met.

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